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Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements

Report of the First Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements" was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 52/30 of 9 December 1997.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 23 September 1999, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 64, 65 and 67 to 85, which was held at the 3rd to 12th meetings, from 11 to 15 and from 18 to 20 October (see A/C.1/54/PV.3-12). Thematic discussions on the items were held, and draft resolutions were introduced and considered, at the 13th to 19th meetings, on 21 and 22 and from 25 to 29 October (see A/C.1/54/PV.13-19). Action on all draft resolutions was taken at the 20th to 27th meetings, on 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 9 November (see A/C.1/54/PV.20-27).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 5 August 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Tokyo Forum for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (A/54/205-S/1999/853);

(b) Letter dated 15 October 1999 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held in New York on 23 September 1999 (A/54/469-S/1999/1063);

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(c) Letter dated 27 October 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Declaration of the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (A/54/514-S/1999/1102);

(d) Letter dated 7 October 1999 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/54/3).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.1/54/L.13

5. At the 16th meeting, on 26 October, the representative of the United States of America introduced a draft decision entitled "Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements" (A/C.1/54/L.13).

6. At its 21st meeting, on 1 November, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.1/54/L.13 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the First Committee

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, recalling its resolution 52/30 of 9 December 1997, decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements".